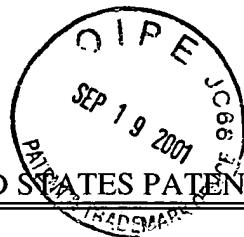


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with C.F.R. §§ 1.97 *et. seq.*, the materials enclosed herewith are brought to the attention of the Examiner as possibly being of interest in connection with the above-identified patent application.

Consideration of each of the documents listed on the attached 1449 forms is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. § 609, Applicants further request that a copy of the 1449 forms, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next Official Communication.

The present patent application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/400,607, filed 20 September 1999, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/338,340, filed 10 November 1994, and issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,009,082. The '082 patent is a Continuation-in-Part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/002,467, filed 8 January 1993, and issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,452,289. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. § 609 and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), Applicants have not included copies of the documents listed on the 1449 forms that were previously cited by or submitted to the Patent Office in the prior applications identified herein.



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Applicants also wish to bring the Examiner's attention to the following pending U.S. Application, as well as any prior art and any provisional U.S. patent applications referenced therein. A copy of the below-listed pending U.S. Patent Application is provided herewith.

List of Pending Non-Published U.S. Patent Applications

Applicant(s)	Application Number	Filing Date	Serial No. of Provisional Application to which listed Application claims priority
Ty J. CASWELL et al.	09/400,607	09/20/99	N/A

Applicants bring to the Examiner's attention the following information from litigation that may relate to the above-identified pending application. The following table is a current list of pending cases and the asserted patents in those cases. The present application is part of a patent family stemming from U.S. Patent No. 5,452,289.

CASE NAME and CASE NUMBER

PATENTS ASSERTED

Multi-Tech Systems, Inc. v. Gateway 2000, Inc. 5,452,289 5,471,470
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Multi-Tech Systems, Inc. v. Net2phone, Inc. 00-CV-1627 ADM/RLE	5,452,289 5,600,649 5,790,532	5,471,470 5,764,627
Multi-Tech Systems, Inc. v. Vocaltec Communications, Inc. 00-CV-1541 ADM/RLE	5,452,289 5,600,649 5,790,532	5,471,470 5,764,627
Multi-Tech Systems, Inc. v. Mediaring.com, Inc. 00-CV-1539 ADM/RLE	5,452,289 5,600,649 5,790,532	5,471,470 5,764,627
Multi-Tech Systems, Inc. v. Dialpad.com, Inc. 00-CV-1540 ADM/RLE	5,452,289 5,600,649 5,790,532	5,471,470 5,764,627
Multi-Tech Systems, Inc. v. Really Easy Internet, Inc. 00-CV-1682 ADM/RLE	5,452,289 5,600,649 5,790,532	5,471,470 5,764,627

Pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 2001.06(c), Applicants bring to the Examiner's attention the following list of information from the above-identified pending litigation that may relate to the above-identified pending application. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. § 609 and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), Applicants have not included copies of the following documents because they were previously submitted to the Patent Office in the prior applications identified herein.

Case	Document	Date
Microsoft Corporation v. Multi-Tech Systems, Inc. 00-CV-1412	Microsoft Corporation's Supplemental Prior Art Statement	28 March 2001
Microsoft Corporation v. Multi-Tech Systems, Inc. 00-CV-1412	Multi-Tech Systems, Inc.'s Response to Microsoft Corporation's Prior Art Statement	19 April 2001

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Multi-Tech Systems, Inc. v. Net2phone, Inc. 00-CV-1627	Net2phone, Inc.'s Prior Art Statement	19 March 2001
Multi-Tech Systems, Inc. v. Net2Phone, Inc. 00-CV-1627	Multi-Tech Systems, Inc.'s Prior Art Statement	26 April 2001
Multi-Tech Systems, Inc. v. Dialpad Communications, Inc. 00-CV-1540	Dialpad Communications, Inc.'s Prior Art Statement	19 March 2001
Multi-Tech Systems, Inc. v. Dialpad.com, Inc. 00-CV-1540	Multi-Tech Systems, Inc.'s Prior Art Statement	26 April 2001
Multi-Tech Systems, Inc. v. Mediaring.com, Inc. 00-1539	Mediaring.com, Inc.'s Prior Art Chart	19 March 2001
Multi-Tech Systems, Inc. v. Mediaring.com, Inc. 00-CV-1539	Multi-Tech Systems, Inc.'s Additional Prior Art Statement	8 June 2001
Multi-Tech Systems, Inc. v. Zeroplus.com, Inc. 00-CV-1538	Zeroplus.com, Inc.'s Prior Art Statement	19 March 2001
Multi-Tech Systems, Inc. v. Zeroplus.com, Inc. 00-CV-1538	Multi-Tech Systems, Inc.'s Prior Art Statement	1 May 2001
Multi-Tech Systems, Inc. v. Really Easy Internet, Inc. 00-CV-1682	Really Easy Internet, Inc.'s Prior Art Statement	20 March 2001
Multi-Tech Systems, Inc. v. Really Easy Internet, Inc. 00-CV-1682	Multi-Tech Systems, Inc.'s Prior Art Statement	1 May 2001
Multi-Tech Systems, Inc. v. Vocaltec Communications, Inc. 00-CV-1541	Vocaltec's Prior Art Statement	21 May 2001

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Multi-Tech Systems, Inc. v. Vocaltec Communications, Inc. 00-CV-1541	Multi-Tech Systems, Inc.'s Prior Art Statement	22 June 2001

Further, pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 2001.06(c), many of the documents on the attached 1449 forms were obtained via the above-identified pending litigation.

Applicants do not admit that any of the listed documents are prior art for the above-identified pending application or any related patent application or patent.

It is believed that no fee is due, as this Information Disclosure Statement is filed prior to the receipt of any Action on the merits. However, in the event a fee is due, please charge any fee or credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-4895.

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The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Representatives at the below-listed telephone number, if they can be of any assistance during prosecution of the present application.

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.10:

The undersigned hereby certifies that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR §1.10 on the date indicated below and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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